

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A rotary damper ~~having comprising:~~

an oil chamber within a housing, said oil chamber being ~~which is~~ divided into two chambers by a vane, a shaft fixed to a base part of the vane and supporting said vane to allow oscillation in relation to said housing, and wherein the oil chamber generates a damping force by passing operation oil between said two oil chambers when said vane oscillates, ~~and has a shaft supporting said vane to allow oscillation in relation to said housing, fixed to a base part of the vane, wherein:~~

a seal part provided on said base part dividing in a fluid-tight manner between a bearing rotatably supporting said shaft on said housing[[,]] and ~~said oil~~ two chambers, ~~is provided on said base part;~~ and

said seal part comprises a pair of washers sandwiched between an inner face of said ~~oil~~ two chambers and the base part, and the base part contacting said washers.

2. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said seal part further comprises an inner face of said housing and a sealing member provided to said vane which seals in a fluid-tight manner between said vane and the inner face of said housing.

3. (Currently Amended) The rotary damper according to Claim 2, wherein interconnected fitting grooves are formed in each part of said vane facing the inner face of said ~~oil~~ two chambers, and said sealing member is fitted and secured in said fitting grooves.

4. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 3, wherein the base part is located between said fitting grooves and said shaft.
5. (Previously presented) The rotary damper according to Claim 2, wherein said sealing member contacts the periphery of said washers.
6. (Original) The rotary damper according to Claim 2, wherein said sealing member comprises an elastic body, and the external dimension of a part in sliding contact with the inner face of said housing is larger than the dimension of the inner face of said housing.
7. (Currently Amended) The rotary damper according to Claim 1, wherein said housing is provided with a body and a cap holding said shaft, and said vane is contained within said ~~oil~~ two chambers of a fan-shape, formed between said body and cap.